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SUBJ: NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES OFFICE IN SURINAM

1. THE NEW GOVERNMENT UNDER PRIME MINISTER HENCK ARRON TOOK OFFICE DECEMBER 28, ALMOST TWO MONTHS AFTER THE OCTOBER 31 ELECTIONS WHICH BROUGHT IT ABOUT. THE DELAY IN FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET WAS BROUGHT ABOUT FIRST BY THE TIME NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE THE DIVISION OF SEATS IN THE CABINET AMONG THE PARTIES FORMING THE NATIONAL PARTY COMBINATION (NPK) AND THEN TO NEGOTIATE THE NAMING OF THE ACTUAL CANDIDATES OF THE PARTIES FOR THE SEATS WHICH THEY HAD GOTTEN. UNDER SURINAM LAW, THOSE CABINET MEMBERS WHO WERE ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN THE OCTOBER 31 ELECTIONS MUST VACATE THEIR PARLIAMENT SEATS, WHICH THEN GO TO THE NEXT PERSON ON THE ELECTION LIST OF THE NPK FOR THE CONSTITUENCY INVOLVED.

2. ALL MINISTERS FROM ARRON'S OWN PARTY, THE NPS, HAVE REMAINED IN OFFICE, ALBEIT WITH SLIGHTLY CHANGED RESPONSIBILITIES. THE SOLE SITTING KTPI MINISTER (SINCE MINISTER SOEMITA OF AGRICULTURE WAS REMOVED EARLIER IN THE

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YEAR BY IMPEACHMENT), ANDRE SOEPERMAN, WAS PREVENTED FROM JOINING THE NEW CABINET BY ILL HEALTH, AND THUS BOTH KTPI SEATS WERE TO BE FILLED. THE PSV RETURNED MICHAEL BRAHIM TO THE POST OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUT HAVING RECEIVED ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN PLACE OF ITS FORMER SEAT IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, ASSIGNED A NEW MAN, ZUIVERLOON, TO THIS MINISTRY. THE NEWLY-ENTERED HPP, PARTY OF THE PRO-NPK DISSIDENT HINDU-

STANIS, ALSO RECEIVED TWO SEATS FOR ITS CANDIDATES.

3. THE MAKEUP OF THE NEW CABINET IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (INCLUDING DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES): HENCK ARRON, NPS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, CURRENT CABINET MEMBER. (DEFENSE WAS PREVIOUSLY ATTACHED TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND POLICE, FROM WHICH IT HAS BEEN REMOVED.)

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION: OLTON VAN GENDEREN, NPS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, CURRENT CABINET MEMBER. (THIS NEW MINISTRY CONSISTS OF FORMER MINISTRY OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENT AND DECENTRALIZATION AND MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS.)

MINISTER OF FINANCE: LESLEY GOEDE, NPS, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER. (MINISTRY OF FIANCE WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD AS ADDITIONAL PORTFOLIO BY ARRON.)

MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT: MICHAEL CAMBRIDGE, NPS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MEMBER OF CURRENT CABINET IN SAME POSITION.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION: ACHMED KARAMAT ALI, NPS, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, MEMBER OF CURRENT UNCLASSIFIED

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CABINET IN SAME POSITION.

MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC DEVELOPMENT: RONALD VENETIAAN, NPS, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, MEMBER OF CURRENT CABINET IN SAME POSITION.

MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH: MICHAEL BRAHIM, PSV, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, MEMBER OF CURRENT CABINET IN AME POSITION.

MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: LUDWIG ZUIVERLOON, PSV, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER.(REPLACED EDWARD BRUMA, PNR.)

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES: JOHAN SISAL, KTPI, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER. (REPLACED WILLIAM SOEMITA, SOEMITA, WHO WAS REMOVED FROM OFFICE IN 1977 BY IMPEACHMENT.)

MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS: CORNELIS ARDJOSEMITO, KTPI, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER. (REPLACED ANDRE SOEPERMAN, KTPI).

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND POLICE: SOERDJERSAD BADRISING,
HPP, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER. (REPLACES
EDWARD HOOST, PNR.)

MINISTER OF LABOR AND PUBLIC HOUSING: PANNALLAL
PARMESSAR, HPP, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER.
(REPLACES FRITS FRIJMERSUM, PNR.)

TWO UNDER MINISTERS WILL TAKE OFFICE IN JANUARY.

UNDER MINISTER FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS: R.W.
WILLEMZORG, NPS, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, WILL OCCUPY ONE OF
THE TWO NEW CABINET-LEVEL POSTS OF UNDER MINISTER, WITH
RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE AFFAIRS UNDER ARRON AS MINISTER
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FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

UNDER MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.
S. PAWIRO OELOMO, KTPI, NON-PARLIAMENTARIAN, NEW CABINET MEMBER.
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